

**The next meeting date will be Wednesday, November 13, at the
Mn/DOT Waters Edge Office, Conference Room 176 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.**

**MINNESOTA COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
OCTOBER 9, 2013
WATERS EDGE**

Attendees:

Janelle Anderson
Tiffany Dagon
Rob Ege
Jon Krieg
Heather Lott
Tim Plath
Ken Schroepfer
Tom Sohrweide

Explained Absence:

Tim Chalupnik
Joe Gustafson
Howard Preston
Will Stein

Unexplained Absence:

Jeff Miller
Mark Sehr
Paul St. Martin



Guests:

Ken Johnson
Ted Ulven

cc:

Susan Groth
Kristi Sebastian

Meeting started at 12:35 PM

Announcements

Jon Krieg, Hennepin County Engineer, was welcomed his first Committee meeting.

Business from the Floor

None

Correction to the Minutes

None

Old Business

1. FHWA Update

There is nothing to report at this time.

2. Requests for Experimentation, Condition Use and Interpretation

Janelle Anderson reported that a request from the City of Minneapolis for use of two stage left-turn bicycle boxes and bicycle signal heads was received and sent on to the FHWA. See Attachment 1.

3. Motorcycle Road Guard

Ken Johnson noted that the Motorcycle Road Guard Task Force met and agreed on proposed language to be included in a document to be published in the State Register in November. Dept. of Public Safety will begin working on a curriculum document. The next step will to develop some sort of document (a field guide) for road guards to use in closing intersections.

DPS must begin training on this document by November or December of 2014.

New Business

1. END XX MILE SPEED sign (R2-6b)

Heather Lott suggested an alternative to the R2-6b sign. The suggestion is to use the standard Sped Limit sign (R2-1) and supplement that with the END plaque (R3-9dP).

It was further suggested that Section 2B.16.1 be deleted and the words be incorporated into Section 2B.16.

The Committee agreed.

2. MUTCD Vision

Janelle presented the draft vision of the MUTCD, “Draft 20-Year Vision and Strategic Plan” developed by the NCUTCD Task Force. See Attachment 2.

Comments on the content of the Vision and Strategic Plan Website:

<http://mutcd.tamu.edu/comments/>

Janelle reviewed the Vision and Strategic Plan and provided her comments. See Attachment 3.

Janelle pointed out that there is a big concern with the use of the words Ministerial and Discretionary in the Vision and Strategic Plan. In Minnesota these are considered legal terms and are interpreted by the courts.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the words “MUST” and “OUGHT” as additional terms to be used along with “SHALL”, “SHOULD”, and “MAY” to signify varying degrees of compliance. Everyone agreed that the new proposed words should not be added to the Manual.

3. 2014 Field Manual

Ken Johnson and Ted Ulven presented the final draft of the 2014 Field Manual. See Attachment 4

On Layout 39, there was discussion regarding the whether the ROAD WORK AHEAD sign should be optional or required for the traffic in the approaching, un-affected lanes of traffic. It was agreed that this sign should be a required sign.

On Layout 50, Note 1 would be modified to read “All Shadow and Protection Vehicles shall be equipped with a truck-mounted attenuator.” Also, Note 3 would be removed.

These corrections will be made.

The Committee agreed with all of the rest of layouts, figures and text of the Field Manual. It approved the 2014 Field Manual pending the noted changes noted above.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

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